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SPECIAL FLASH

Mr. Carl E. Olsen, secretary of the Pine Hill F.U.A. Local No. 1049, sent us the following letter:

"We decided at a recent meeting to give \$1.00 per unit membership to help out with Head Office expenses. We now have 82 family units. A cheque for \$82.00 is enclosed."

Thanks, members of Pine Hill local. We appreciate your decision very, very much. The Organized Farmer will always have space available for letters such as yours, which shows so clearly your willingness to help actively in the much needed work of the F.U.A.

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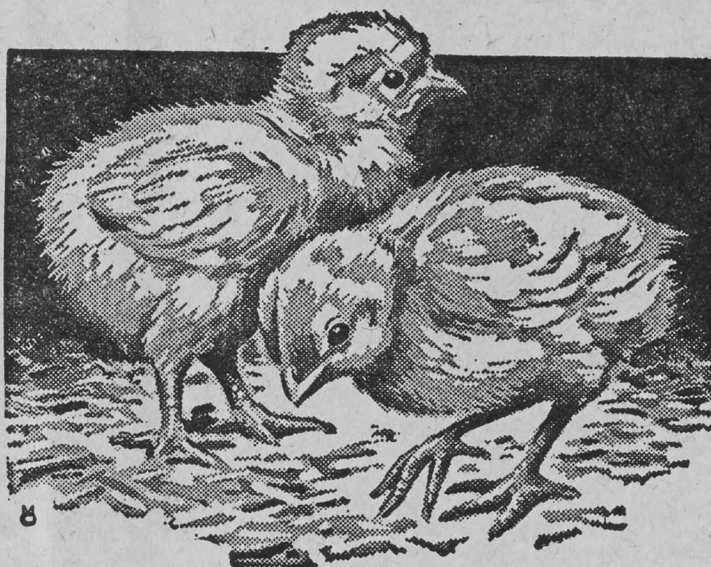
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MOMENTOUS DECISIONS IN INSURANCE FIELD

President's Report



Ed Nelson

I had the good fortune to be able to attend the Co-op Insurance meeting in Regina, March 7th. The Co-op Life Assurance Co. administers our life insurance program and Co-op Fire & Casualty Co. administers our auto pool, liability insurance and fire insurance pool.

Representatives were present from clear across Canada and some rather momentous decisions were made.

One problem that has prevailed is the question of control. The laws governing insurance companies are fairly

rigid and do not recognize the needs of a co-operative for delegate responsibility. The laws governing a mutual structure (which is the set up of our co-op insurance) are that the policy holders govern the operation at annual meetings, either by direct representation or by proxy.

Because of costs, very few policy holders would travel across Canada to an annual meeting so the attendance would generally be limited to the Board of Directors, management, and a few policy holders. This lends itself to eventual take-over by one or more people simply by gathering enough proxy votes for a majority vote at the annual meet.

Recognizing this threat, the board has requested federal legislation for a co-operative act governing this particular problem. So far the request has not been granted.

Until such time as the governments, both federal and provincial, see fit to enact such legislation the board felt that a change to a joint company structure would be in the best interests of our members. Because this type of operation only recognizes share capital as having voting control many good co-operators were very reluctant to make the change. However, the move was agreed to by the majority with three members of the Manitoba Farmers Union objecting. The move was only made after every possible precaution was taken to ensure that ultimately the whole structure will be brought into line with co-operative control principles.

Mr. Robert Rennie, vice-president of Nationwide Insurance Research was the guest speaker and developed some very interesting and informative material on social, economic and political policy.

In discussing the question of how farmers might share the nation's wealth on a parity basis he agreed with Barbara Ward Jackson when she said "a community can have what it wishes to have." He felt the crisis of abundance can be negated only by a change in attitudes and ideas.

Be Safety Conscious

TOO MANY accidents happen which a little bit of caution and precaution could have prevented.

Always be careful, when driving a car, operating a car, operating a tractor, using any kind of equipment.

Don't let your name be mentioned in the newspaper because of an accident. Life is too short to be shortened accidentally.

Be ALWAYS conscious of Safety.

Good Meetings In District 4

Membership Went Up

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend seven sub-district meetings in District 4. I travelled with the director, Paul Babey, who in spite of 50 below zero weather, was able to negotiate the roads with no difficulty.

I was particularly happy about the fact that farm people, men and women, turned out in considerable numbers. It is encouraging to see meetings, sometimes as large as district conventions, at the sub-district level. It can only indicate interest in the affairs of the organization. Some resolutions were dealt with and the topics generally discussed were the presentation of the N.F.U. brief to the federal government, marketing and marketing boards, hog grading, and organization. As a matter of interest it should be noted that District 4 has already surpassed last year's final membership figure. It is the only district to have done so at this time.

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Mr. Rennie pointed out the fact that past insurance ideas sold to the general public and recommended by insurance salesmen would require half of the country's net income to finance if it was followed. A more realistic approach to insurance requires a study of each person's total insurance needs, based on his net income, and provided in a package form to cover all needs.

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Creator of Employment

The government in Ottawa has rightly stated — more than once — that immigration creates employment. But how often has it given thought to that prime creator of employment in our society, the farmer.

He is, of course, the only purchaser of farm equipment, and in doing so keeps going and developing quite an important industry.

He is, also:

One of Canada's top buyers of steel;

One of Canada's top buyers of rubber;

One of Canada's top buyers of fertilizer.

Yes, he is quite a creator of employment, and a little more thought should be given to this aspect.

FINANCING PROBLEMS

F.U.A. Brief Presented To Royal Commission

The F.U.A. has presented a brief to the Royal Commission on banking and finance on March 20, in which it was stated that an adequate source of financing for agriculture is imperative to continue to function effectively. Farming, particularly the family farm, is perhaps the only form of business which requires that the entire plant be bought and paid for by each succeeding generation. When a farmer retires, he usually needs to "cash out" his holdings in order to live in reasonable comfort through his old age. The young farmer is therefore faced with the problem of obtaining long-term credit with a low rate of interest.

It was stated in the brief, that any financial program for Canada needs to incorporate adequate provisions for farm financing, including:

- (a) Long term, low interest loans.
- (b) Loans large enough to purchase and equip an economic farm unit (at present such a unit would be valued at \$50,000, as a general average).

- (c) Some form of protection (insurance, risk sharing, etc.) to compensate for unavoidable crop losses.

It has also been suggested in the letter that the Commission give favorable consideration to the development of the credit union movement. Some of the factors which need further study are:

- (a) The improvement of existing legislation to enable credit unions to fully serve their members.
- (b) Consideration of the need for a co-operative bank, or alternately, of the extension of credit unions, of more of the privileges enjoyed by banks under the Bank Act.

To a very large extent the Bank of Canada came into being through strong farm pressure, maintained since the early 20's. In our brief is stated the belief that the purpose of the Bank of Canada should be to provide all Canadians, in so far as possible, with credit which they need for productive purposes. Agriculture must be given its full share of this productive credit, as our farms are an essential part of our economy. An unefficient agriculture could prove most costly through increased consumer prices.

Board Meeting District 10

This meeting was held in the home of Mr. Bill Gore of Swalwell. Present were: Sub-District Director Mr. Richard Page; F.W.U.A. Sub-District Director Mrs. Pauline Jasman; Sub-District secretary C. E. Schmaltz. Seven locals were also represented at the meeting, Acme by Pres. Glen Jackson, Beiseker by Pres. C. M. Schmaltz, Allingham by Pres. Jay Hawthorne, Three Hills by George Braconnier, Hesketh by Pres. Reg. Steward, Swalwell by Pres. Bill Gore, and Three Hills F.W.U.A. by Pres. Mrs. Howard Boles. Mr. Jasman and Mrs. Bill Gore attended the meeting.

The past Sub-District banquet was a point of discussion. It was felt that some improvements in the organization of next year's banquet have to be made. The main reason of the meeting was to organize the Sub-District convention at Beiseker, to be held March 13. Some procedural rules for the convention were adopted.

Farm Safety Essay Contest

Entries in the Farm Safety Essay Contest must be in the hand of the teachers on or before April 12. The contest is for pupils of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. The writers of the best essays will receive prizes.



SEED TREATMENT TIME!

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ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES AND CONVENTION LOCATION

THOUGHTS WARRANTING CONSIDERATION

The following memorandum is reprinted for the benefit of all F.U.A. members. I would like to suggest that some time during the year, every local should study the suggestions in it. I do not suggest that I agree with everything said but it is certainly a proposal that some people have given considerable thought and as such warrants everyone's consideration. May we have your reaction? — Ed Nelson, F.U.A. President.

"Unfair Advantage"

At a meeting held in Warner on January 23rd, 1962, at which eight locals of District 14 were represented the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that District 14 send five of the best men available, selected by the district convention, as delegates to the annual convention. Such delegates to be the total representation from District 14, excepting those qualified to attend from the District Board.

The feelings of the members present at the Warner meeting would indicate that we consider the present method of allocating delegates, and the location of the annual convention, to give the northern part of the province an unfair advantage in numbers of delegates.

While the southern districts have not sent their full quota of delegates in the past, this is mainly because we have been discouraged by the inefficient manner in which the convention has been run. Too much time is lost dealing with a large number of resolutions, many of which are of little or no concern to agriculture. Many of the delegates seem to enjoy using the F.U.A. as a sounding board for all their petty grievances, individual problems or political aspirations. This costs the convention time and naturally money and is at the expense of solving major farm problems.

Willingness and Ability

The trend at the present time appears to be, that most of the locals send delegates to the convention according to their willingness to go, rather than on their ability to speak to a large group of people, and freely express themselves on the various issues which require sound judgment and good leadership. This can be easily recognized when at the convention not more than 15 or 20 delegates ever speak, and three or four can be expected to speak on every resolution, with the rest of the delegates acting only as voters, in many cases, according to the forcefulness of those speaking, rather than on their own convictions.

It is our opinion that the F.U.A. convention should be on a basis somewhat similar to that of the Wheat Pool, where

70 or 80 delegates representing their respective districts could gather in convention to intelligently discuss problems relating to their organization.

This, of course, would not exclude the privilege of locals to present resolutions to the district conventions, and from the districts to the annual convention. But it could be expected that the delegates to the annual convention, being the most capable men from their districts, would be better enabled to formulate sound policies from the resolutions presented.

Suggestions

It was suggested that the method of choosing the delegates could be done as follows:

- (1) a. The district board would act as a nominating committee to solicit and encourage capable men, known to them to act as delegates.
- b. The locals could also nominate qualified men in their area.
- (2) Establish five areas within the district and each district elect one delegate.
- (3) Elect delegates as to commodity group interest.

The cost of sending the delegates to Edmonton could be divided on a pro-rata basis among the locals.

Recommendations

We feel obliged at this time to pass along certain recommendations and ideas that were brought out at this meeting. Those concerning District 14 were:

- (1) That there would be a better co-ordination of Agricultural policy, if our district board was composed of representatives from commodity groups.
- (2) That there would be a better attendance at our district convention if it could be held in the winter.
- (3) That the district board arrange to have a panel discussion at our district convention concerning the policy of setting up District Teams, by F.U. & C.D.A.

Alternating

In addition to the other items already mentioned in this brief the following recommendations were made to the Provincial Board:

- (1) In all fairness to the members of the southern half of the province and to stimulate interest in the F.U.A., the annual convention should be alternated between Calgary and Edmonton.
- (2) That the convention be held in January or February.
- (3) That the F.U.A. President be elected by the Board rather than by the convention.
- (4) That Executive members should be elected for alternate three year terms, that is, one member elected each year.
- (5) That district boards be encouraged to be made up of representatives from commodity groups.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the following committee elected at the meeting.

Richard Thule
Leo Doenz
Charles Luca
George Templeton
Steve Balog

12-ft. Pull Type Combine

At the last annual convention of the F.U.A. a resolution was passed that we urge C.C.I.L. to provide for sale a 12-foot pull type combine. We wrote to C.C.I.L. on this and below is a copy of their reply.

"With respect to the resolution dealing with our making a 12-foot pull-type combine available to our members, will you please advise your Board that we have been very conscious of the need for such a machine for several years. If it had been possible for us to get one, we would have had it long since. Our sole source of supply of such machines is the Cockshutt Farm Equipment Co. Ltd. This company, despite our repeated requests and, I might add, the requests of their own branch managers and dealers, have until now taken the position that it would not pay them to build a large pull-type combine.

I am sure your Board will understand that it is quite impossible for C.C.I.L. to persuade any other manufacturer to sell us a pull-type combine. The task of manufacturing one of these machines is one that would involve us in a greater capital outlay than we have money to finance. I would add also that even if we could finance the manufacture our volume would be insufficient to enable us to produce the machine at an economic price."

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Hold Meeting

Quite some time was spent in discussing the M.S.I. plan, which enables a group of farmers to take out insurance for doctors' costs. The bonspiel has been very successful. Prize winners in the first event were: 1. Willie Johnson, 2. Elmer Johnson, 3. Harold Taylor. 4. John Nysetvold. Second event: 1. Howard Allen, 2. Jim Taylor, 3. Don Taylor, 4. Don Folkins.

Canvassers' cheques will be turned over to the local funds. \$10.00 was donated to a family in the Rosyth district, who lost their home by fire. The Students Loan fund is considering one application. The new lunch committee members are: Torff Erickson, Boros and Howard Allen, Edenglass.

Ed Gordon informed the meeting that this year further paving will be done on Highway 14.

Jim Neil reported on A.I. and is willing to give more information to anyone who wants to know more about it.

Annual Feeders' Day June 2

The University of Alberta Forty-first Annual Feeders' Day will be held on Saturday, June 2. Keep this date in mind.

The President's Calendar

Feb. 21—F.U.A. Local meeting at Boyle.

Feb. 22—Meeting at Richmond Park.

Feb. 23—Speaker at R.E.A. meeting at Forestburg.

Feb. 26—Sub-district convention at Smoky Lake.

Sub-district convention at Weasel Creek.

Feb. 27—Sub-district convention at Spedden.

Sub-district convention at St. Paul.

Feb. 28—Sub-district convention at Glendon.

Sub-district convention at Frog Lake.

Mar. 1—Sub-district convention at Bonnyville.

Mar. 3 & 5—Banff Leadership Conference—spoke on Farm Organization.

Mar. 7—Meeting with Dr. Laidlaw, Secretary of Co-operative Union of Canada.

Mar. 7—Co-operative Fire & Casualty and Co-op Life annual meeting at Regina.

Mar. 13—Attended Co-op Directors Short Course in Edmonton.

Mar. 14—District Team Meeting at Grande Prairie.

Mar. 16—Speaker at Mellowdale Shipping Assoc. annual meeting at Mellowdale.

Mar. 19-23—Western Farm Leaders Conference at Banff.

Mar. 28—Western Agricultural Conference meeting to discuss drought assistance, Saskatoon.

Mar. 30—Farm Forum, Edmonton.



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Convention Sub-District 4 District 10

F.U.A. Sub-District 4 District 10 held their annual convention in Beiseker on Tuesday, March 13, 1962. Forty-two delegates registered from eight F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. locals. In attendance were representatives of the F.U.A. locals of Acme; Allingham; Beiseker; Hesketh, Swalwell; Three Hills, and F.W.U.A. locals of Swalwell and Three Hills.

Mr. L. L. Schmaltz, Mayor of Beiseker, welcomed the delegates to Beiseker and wished the convention success. Mrs. Braithwaite, F.W.U.A. Provincial President reported on the F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. briefs presented to the governments. The reports of sub-district directors, Mr. R. Page and Mrs. B. Jasman, were given and they both felt that their work was progressing favorably, and that they were able to take in all the conventions, dinners, and visit all the locals but one in their area. Mrs. Banta reporting for her son Gordon, Junior F.U.A. Director, stated that good progress was being made at the Gold Eye Lake camp. Mr. Hilton F.U.A. District 10 Director gave the convention an outline of the working machinery of the F.U.A. organization.

Mr. R. A. Seaton, Assistant Director of Mineral Rights, addressed the meeting on gas, oil and surface rights. He spoke on the government's control of mineral rights. A spirited question question period followed.

F.U.A. Sub-District Director Mr. R. Page and Mrs. Ben Jasman, F.W.U.A. were both elected to one more year in office.

Of 12 resolutions submitted to the convention seven were passed and will now be presented to the District convention to be held in Olds, June 15.

Mrs. Banta, the last speaker spoke on the necessity of an active membership, and a stronger support of our Co-ops.

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ORGANIZED FARMER

By Ed Nelson

In December and January, at our convention, and at the Federation conventions, the question of the farmer and his organizations was raised several times. Since that time it has been a topic of conversation wherever groups have met. It has also been a topic for editorials and news items in many farm periodicals.

Many people have expressed a point of view and many have been quoted, including myself. Unfortunately, the quotes have usually been out of context and have been used to express one point of view and then another. The one note that runs through all this is the fact that everyone believes in unity. Again, unfortunately, each one suggests unity must come on his or her terms. So long as this idea prevails, there will be no unity. When the A.F.A. convention passed a resolution to make a study in Alberta, I felt the first move to something concrete was under way in this province. It is also my opinion that each province must establish and clarify their respective organizations before there is any possibility for a national organization.

Let us look at Alberta. Everyone agrees that we are somewhat favored in Alberta because our various organizations are on "good terms". Then we say our objectives are the same. If this is so, then we must ask ourselves, why do we have more than one organization? I suggest that if a solution to that question is left at the top level, no solution will ever be found. The solution will only come when the farmers themselves, at the local level, decide they want a solution.

Tens of Organizations

Let us look at what we have. The Farmers' Union of Alberta, Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the Western Stock Growers, Waterloo Stock & Game Association, Agricultural sections of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, Fish & Game Association with many farmers as members, Breeder Associations, Extension Service of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, the Alberta Institute of Agrologists, Federated Co-operatives, with their retail store associations, U.F.A. Co-operative, Wheat Pool and Grain Growers, the Alberta Livestock Co-operative and various affiliated association, Feeder Associations, Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and Women's Institutes. I could go on naming many more and more are being formed. Some of us are members of all or most of these organizations, either directly or indirectly. Some are not members of any organization, even though there are nearly enough so that each of the 70 odd

thousand Alberta farm families could be members of their own little organization. If we get along so well in Alberta, why do we require so many organizations?

Specific Jobs

Obviously the functions of some are such that they must be separate. They have a specific job to do. Each is involved in policy making in one form or another. Some of it has to do with the operation of one organization. Some is general in nature. Any group of people meeting together for an hour, or a week are going to establish some kind of policy. The A.F.A. was set up to co-ordinate the various policies. But in doing so, left each group free to pursue their own policy regardless of what the A.F.A. outcome was.

It therefore seems to me that some way must be found to make it possible for more people to meet at a policy level together. It is when people meet separately that conflicting ideas and policies develop.

Policy Making

There is also the problem of keeping the individual farmer as close to policy making as possible. If he is by-passed or is in any way not given a chance to participate he becomes dissatisfied and frustrated. If he is not close to policy decisions, he does not have the understanding that he should have regarding the decisions made.

To try to arrive at some kind of solution I have asked the following four questions and I would like to see every local in the province try to study them and arrive at some kind of answer. Perhaps they could be a topic for discussion at the district conventions.

1. What do we need organization for?
2. Are our present organizations meeting these requirements?
3. Are the mechanics we have set up right, to be able to deal with the needs of the farmers?
4. Is it possible to deal with all farmers' needs in one organization?

It is easy to say what we need a co-op organization for. We need the Wheat Pool or Grain Growers to take care of the grain or seed we want to

market. We need the A.L.C. to market our livestock. We need the Poultry Producers to market our poultry and eggs. We need the U.F.A. Co-op and Federated Co-ops and C.C.I.L. to purchase or otherwise acquire our production and other living and production needs.

We need marketing boards to consolidate all our production into one area for more bargaining power.

Local Forums

Then it seems to me we need an organization that can provide a local structure where all farmers can meet in an organized way to learn about all these co-ops so we can understand, not just how each operates but how each fits into our individual lives, and how each co-op relates to the others. We need these local forums to discuss and plan and understand marketing in all its phases. This must be done with competent information always present.

We need these forums to discuss and understand government policy as it relates to farm production and marketing, again with competent information available. We need organized forums to plan, discuss and understand social needs and changes, as they relate to our homes, our community, our country.

Through this type of forum at the local level, people will be in a good position to formulate policy dealing with co-operative, political or social problems, and their decisions will be formulated out of their knowledge and need.

More Effort Needed

The F.U.A. has such a structure, but it requires more effort on the part of the people, more finances to provide more and better resource people and information. It also requires a much more developed and better financed superstructure at the Provincial level.

There is need for some means to bring people from these local forums together, provincially, to sort out their ideas and formulate policy pertaining to social, economic, political and co-operative policy. The F.U.A. has such a meeting place in the district and annual conventions. But it needs to be broadened to include co-op delegates as well as delegates directly representing specialized groups such as sugar beet growers, stock growers, sheep and wool, etc.

The A.F.A. is intended to do the job of co-ordinating. I believe it could be done better by incorporating some of the specialized group idea of the A.F.A. into the F.U.A. structure and arriving at a final policy all together in the same convention.

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WINDFALL FOR 173 CREDIT UNIONS

There was a very substantial increase in loan and life savings insured through Co-operative Life Insurance Company Protection in force on December 31, 1960, was \$38,879,000. By the same date of 1961 this had increased 55% to \$60,425,000. The 173 credit unions who placed their loan and life savings with Co-operative Life have received cheques totalling more than \$100,000. This was a 25% dividend return on their premiums.

The above was contained in the report of the Co-op Life Credit Union Advisory Committee at a meeting of representatives of over 150 credit unions in Saskatoon. The committee is made up of representatives elected by the credit unions insured with the company. Its purpose is to advise Co-operative Life management on the loan and life savings insurance requirements of Canadian credit unions.

G. L. Matheson, General Manager of Co-operative Life, pointed out the important part Co-operative Life and Co-operative Fire and Casualty investment policies play within the movement. At the end of 1961 over 2½ million dollars was invested with the co-operative movement. In addition, all premiums and current accounts of both companies are deposited with co-op credit societies and central credit unions across Canada.

Members of the committee are H. Gemmel, Regina; L. Oberg, Earl Grey, L. Baart, Portage La Prairie, and C. E. Lewis, Assiniboia.

More Accurate Reporting

Mr. Ashley Cooper M.L.A. for the Vermilion riding, speaking in the Legislative Assembly on March 9th, made reference to the present voting requirements of the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Act. This Act states that a Marketing Board may not be established unless 51% of the registered voters cast their ballots in the affirmative.

The Edmonton Journal, in reporting this speech, wrote: "He (Mr. Cooper) also urged a 66⅔ per cent majority be required for the establishment of hog marketing boards rather than the present 51%."

Mr. Cooper has informed the F.U.A. that this is not correctly reported. The item should read: "He also urged a 66⅔% majority of those voting be required for the establishment of Hog Marketing Boards rather than the present 51% of registered producers".

The F.U.A. thanks Mr. Cooper for drawing this matter to our attention, and also for his helpful and constructive attention toward this very vexing problem.

FALSE ALARM

The United States, unlike Canada, has strict regulations against trading with countries which it lists as potential enemies. Included in this list is Cuba and those countries generally designated as the Communist or Soviet Bloc. Canada has come under criticism in the United States as being an unco-operative ally because of her continued trade with Cuba and her recent sales of grain to Communist China, and some sympathy for this attitude is evidenced at home.

It is interesting to note some official figures released by the United States and Canadian governments.

Trade with Soviet Bloc

	Canada	United States
	— million dollars —	
1957	18.3	86.1
1958	3.6	113.1
1959	32.8	89.3
1960	27.1	193.4

Trade with Cuba

1957	16.8	618.0
1958	17.6	546.0
1959	15.2	438.0
1960	13.0	222.0

The Canadian trade being permitted, the official figures can be taken as reasonably accurate. On the other hand, the severe restrictions in force in the United States make it more than likely that a good deal of the trade that takes place never reaches the official records and that country's figures may be low.

Canada has been hard pressed on the world markets, particularly in agricultural products, by heavily subsidized United States exports. There can be no blame attached to her action in disposing of some of her surplus on markets that the United States officially chooses to avoid when, dollar-for-dollar, the United States is exporting far more to frowned-upon lands than Canada.

—Wheat Pool Budget

Organized Farmer . . .

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We would then be able to make the fullest use of all the locals, servicing locals according to their needs whether it be cattle, beets, grain or mixed farming. We would not be making farm policy in separate meetings and there would be less chance for friction developing between groups of farmers.

To carry on the business of the organization, it seems to me the board should include, not just district directors, but also representatives of the co-operatives as well.

I have analyzed these questions as I see them. Will you use them as a basis for discussion. I am not suggesting these are all the answers or even, the answer. Have you a better one?

FARM SAFETY CONFERENCE

By E. Winnicky, Junior Director F.U.A. District 2.

The fifth annual Western Canada Safety Conference was held at Brandon, Manitoba. Mrs. R. E. Wendeborn, President, Western Canada Farm Safety Conference introduced the key speaker Mr. Phil Dykstra, Home Safety Manager, National Safety Council, Chicago.

Mr. Dykstra's topic was "Safety is Your Responsibility." Safety is everybody's job, and the support, enthusiasm and co-operation of each of us is needed if we are to make this a safer and happier world in which to live. Safety cannot be legislated, it can only be achieved by individual effort and work—hard work.

The importance of accident prevention is indicated by the following:

1. One out of 14 deaths is accidental.
2. Accidents are fourth leading cause of death.
3. Each year nearly 9,500 of our country's residents lose their lives in accidents. (Death rate 54.1 compared to U.S. rate of 52.2)
4. 3,687 of these deaths were caused by motor vehicles.
5. An estimated 2,185 of these were home fatalities.

Accidents are Preventable

During the past two decades there

has been a growing recognition that positive action **can** prevent accidents.

Anyone can develop and promote a home safety program within an organization.

1. The job of promoting home safety is too big for any one organization, to discharge effectively.

2. Home Safety activities are most effective when they are channeled through organizations already established and respected in the community.

3. There is hardly an organization or interest group in any community which cannot be included in some specific function in the home safety program.

4. The local health, building, and fire departments should have an important part in the program and should be charged with the responsibility for all activities requiring official action and authority.

Mrs. J. M. Salway, Public Health Educator, Neepawa Health Unit gave a report on Manitoba's Accident Survey. One of her statements was that just about one-half of deaths, in the 1-30 age group, are attributed to accidents. Accidents are the leading cause of death in every age group between one and 30; and one of the four leading

causes of death between 30 and 60 years.

Mr. Robert Brown gave a talk on traffic accidents also stating that city traffic laws should be standardized throughout Canada.

Capt. Stan Pollack of the Brandon Fire Department outlined fire hazards around the home, he also stated that some fire extinguishers containing carbon tetrachloride are actually killers in disguise, and for those that do not own a fire extinguisher, water, baking soda or salt will put out most fires around the house.

Mr. E. P. Hudek, Senior Agricultural Engineer, Manitoba Department of Agriculture, said that children from one year to adults up to 79 years old had died as a result of tractor accidents. Mr. R. P. Frey of Imperial Oil Ltd., Toronto, showed a new farm safety film, "Farm Tractor Safety a Family Affair."

A panel discussion on "Practical Ideas for Safety Education" was followed by a group discussion on "Utilization of Conference Material in Local Programmes."

Mr. Andrew Currie, Metro Corporation of Greater Winnipeg, gave a talk on "Civil Defence and the Rural Resident."

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Marketing Topic Of Discussion

IN WESTLOCK

Marketing of Farm Produce—Marketing Board vs. Producers' Co-ops was the topic discussed at the convention of Sub-District 2 and 3, F.U.A. District 3. Mr. C. Anderson, F.U.A. vice-president stated, that direct livestock buying by the packers industry in Canada has increased substantially. This is detrimental to the producers because the packers' buying system is not fully competitive.

The different viewpoints were brought forward by a panel, consisting of Mrs. K. Dowhaniuk, J. O'Neil, H. Anderson and C. Anderson, with R. Preuss as moderator. Mr. C. Anderson outlining the system set up by the Ontario Hog Marketing Board, stated that under the new teletype method of auctioning hogs, farmers are certainly getting a fairer return for their hogs. In his opinion Ontario farmers are generally satisfied with this Marketing Board and this new orderly and competitive marketing system. In fact the meat packers council admits that the Ontario Auction method is the fairest of selling used at present.

Mr. O'Dell did not sympathize with compulsion in any form. The existence of competition limits the economic power of those with whom we deal and gives a feeling of freedom. He claimed that it is the responsibility of governments to control marketing through limitation of production.

Mrs. Dowhaniuk saw in government control of production a form of compulsion. Centralization of authority into the hands of a few people could be dangerous. The Co-ops should inform the public about the true facts regarding orderly marketing through Producing Marketing Boards.

Mr. H. Anderson defended the existence and policy of the Canadian Wheat Board, stating that most farmers are satisfied with the protection they receive through controlled marketing of grain. He also outlined the benefits of dealing through the A.L.C., which at present handles about 25% of Alberta Hog Marketing.

Mr. Tom Foster told the meeting that the membership in the district is at present a little lower than last year's. He advocated a flat levy of a half mill on all farm land, which would allow farmers to share costs as well as benefits of the organized farmers' efforts to improve the farmers position economically and socially. He favored amalgamation of the C.F.A. and the I.P.F.U.

so Canadian farmers could speak with one voice.

Mrs. Dowhaniuk, in charge of F.U. and C.D.A., explained the set-up of District teams and the assistance the F.U. & C.D.A. is giving these teams.

Mrs. C. James gave a brief outline of current F.W.U.A. and Jr. F.U.A. activities.

Mrs. Stimson and Mr. Johnson, Sub-Directors, outlined the conditions in their Sub-Districts. Mrs. Stimson was elected in S.D. 2 and Mr. Tony Balay, Rochester, elected in S.D. 3; both by acclamation. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Johnson for his long and unselfish service as member of the District 3 Board. Mr. Scarth, U.G.G. fieldman showed a film, "Equal to Marquis". The Editor of the Westlock News, present during most of the Convention, received words of thanks for the generous and unbiased publicity the F.U.A. always given in his paper. The catering ladies were given a heartfelt 'Thank you' for their culinary efforts. The Convention was held in the Parish Hall at Westlock. Some 45 people attended from 9 locals.

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ALSO DISCUSSED IN BARRHEAD

The same topic of marketing was the subject of a panel discussion in the Convention of Sub-District 1 and 1A of District 3 at the St. Anne's Parish Hall in Barrhead. Members of the panel were Dr. Horner, MP, Bentley and O'Dell with R. Preuss as moderator. The different viewpoints brought forward at the Convention of S.D.'s 2 and 3 were also heard at this meeting.

Dr. J. H. Horner stated that meat packers are concerned about the growing trend in the chain stores' control of meat prices. He also advocated more use of automation in connection with growing, processing and marketing farm produce as a means of lowering costs.

Marketing legislation should, in his view, remain a provincial matter, although that of large scale commodities such as grain and hogs may be more economical and effective on a federal basis. He contended that farmers should take charge of the marketing end of their industry through Co-ops buying, processing and packing.

Mrs. K. Dowhaniuk spoke also at this meeting about F.U. & C.D.A. and District Teams, and Mrs. C. James outlined the current F.W.U.A. and F.U.A. activities.

Mr. T. Foster, District Director gave a short talk on District affairs and announced the sponsoring by the Union of joint meetings for political candidates

Federal Co-operative Act Needed

On March 6th, a group of officials representing most of the major Co-op organizations in Northern Alberta, met in the F.U.A. office to hear a report from Dr. Alex Laidlaw, secretary of the Co-op Union of Canada.

Dr. Laidlaw stated that there are, at present several matters of concern to the co-operative movement in Canada.

First is the urgent need for a Federal Co-operative Act, which will allow our co-ops to develop as they should. At present they have to incorporate under the Companies Act, and abide by the regulations of this act, which was never designed to serve co-operatives. Everything possible is being done to persuade the federal government to provide a Co-operative Act, and some headway is being made. We must continue to press for such legislation Dr. Laidlaw said.

Another matter of concern is the present campaign by certain private business groups to force co-ops to pay additional taxes. This campaign gains some support because the general public is not aware of the tax position of co-operatives. We must make our position known, said Dr. Laidlaw. Co-ops have no tax advantage that is not available to any other business, and we must see to it that no punitive taxation is applied to our co-operative organizations.

A third point of interest is the usage of the word "co-op". At present this word can be used in the name of a company, in the name of goods which are offered for sale, or in the name of service, only if such permission is granted by the Co-operative Union of Canada. This is a matter of very great importance. The word "Co-op" now will be used only to indicate that the organization, or goods, or services so described, are actually owned by the people concerned.

in the event of an election in the near future.

Mr. R. Wallace and Mr. R. Preuss spoke on the membership and activities in their respective Sub-Districts. Mr. Wallace Campsis was re-elected in Sub-District 1A and Mr. E. Simon elected in Sub-District 1, both by acclamation.

Dr. Horner gave a talk on P.F.R.A. and A.R.D.A.

Three resolutions were presented, two only carried. A delegation of three will present one of them at the annual meeting of the County of Barrhead.

Fr. Poirier of Barrhead gave the invocation. The ladies from Summerdale served delicious meals. Around 40 people from 10 locals attended the Convention.

Four District Teams On Their Way

There are in this province now four District Teams working under the F.U. & C.D.A. program. They are in the Districts 1, 4, 5 and 9. Theirs is the task to break the ground for those that follow. It is an important duty, and one that will be of the greatest benefit to their own Districts, and, within a few years, to the whole rural population of Alberta. The work will not be easy, but when it is done with enthusiasm, the rewards will be great.

This goal can be reached only through the co-operation of all. The Farmers' Union and Co-operative Development Association tries, through the District Teams, to find out the special needs and problems of every district, and what can be done about them. Perhaps even more important is that the District Teams will try to find opportunities in their designated areas, and which projects can be developed.

Co-operation Necessary

Such a task cannot be carried out by one organization. When co-operation between organizations is ever necessary, it is here. For that reason the District Teams are not composed of members of the F.U.A. and Co-operative movement alone. A co-operating group of organiza-

Leslieville F.U.A. Meeting

Present at the regular meeting of the Leslieville FUA—held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Seegle were Mr. Jim Stewart, Fish and Game officer, Edmonton, and the Game officer from Rocky Mountain House. They explained how farmers can get a permit to trap beavers or blow dams, when the animals cause trouble.

The members decided to hold two more card parties this season. Most of those present felt that the pressure of spring work would prevent them from attending a four day farm mechanics course, to be held at Olds early in April.

Mr. Stan Steele, assistant-manager of Federated, Calgary, and Mr. Henry Maki from Co-op Building Supplies, Rocky Mountain House also attended the meeting. An interesting talk was given on the start of the first Co-op Refinery in Regina. A film, taken at the opening of this refinery, was shown. Another film showed the Co-op lumber mill at Canoe, B.C. This part of the meeting gave the members a renewed feeling, the the Farmers' Union of Alberta and the Co-ops are a great help to the farmers and are filling a great need.

"Operation Freedom"

As a long time inactive member of the Chamber of Commerce, I recently received from the local Chamber a kind of frantic appeal to fight against many of the very things which some of us have worked for during almost all of our adult lives.

I presume that the appeal was instigated by the national Chamber, pre-

tions are needed that can look at a whole area as no single organization can.

After the war a great increase in the number of voluntary groups has been noted. However, there was not only an increase in the number of these groups. Government agencies, also, sprung up one after another. In the agricultural field alone there are already 25 of such agencies working.

Nearly all these groups and agencies tend to specialize, losing sight of the whole. A survey off all the work done quite possibly will show duplicating efforts and waste. The District Teams will try to get these groups and agencies together for a real concerted effort.

Tough Job

As Dr. H. Baker, Community Council Development Program, University of Saskatchewan, Friday, March 16, in Ponoka stated, the F.U. & C.D.A. has undertaken a tough job. That it can be a success, has been proven in the U.S.A. There a Rural Development program was started in different areas. It has been so successful that some "areas" already have grown to the size of half a state.

The needs, which the F.U. & C.D.A. has seen in Alberta, have also been noticed in other parts of Canada. The same kind of work, now started by the F.U. & C.D.A., is already being done in Prince Edward Island, Southern Manitoba and some parts of Saskatchewan. No magic is involved. Nothing more is asked than a willingness to help. That isn't too much, because the rural communities also will receive the profits. Let the helping hands in the locals, on the Sub-District and District level be many.

Enough Challenges

Dr. Baker, who has lots of experience in the field of community development, advised the Ponoka meeting to start in the agricultural field. That will offer more than enough challenges for a start. When the teams are thoroughly acquainted with their work, the time will come to look to other fields also. He stressed again and again that the time for a local approach of problems and opportunities is gone. A broader base is necessary. This can be found in the District Team, and the co-operation of many organizations and agencies.

pared by some of the cleverest men in Canada and given to the local organizations to fight out.

Now, what I wonder is this. Will our fellow members of our local Chamber in this great city of the Peace engage in bitter warfare against the very things which have made for human progress in the past, and which are our only hope for the future?

A hundred or so years ago education was bought in Canada. The poor couldn't afford it.

Socialization is sometimes needed as well as co-operation and private enterprise.

Take our local hospital as an example. The generous kept it up, but the ungenerous used it also. Finally, a majority of us voted to make everybody pay their share. We socialized it, made it publicly owned and controlled.

We relieved the Presbyterian Church people of Toronto and Grande Prairie of the cost of keeping up a hospital for our benefit. Because we did this, will our local Chamber agree with our national Chamber of Commerce in calling us "ego castrators", communists, etc?

As Canadians we can continue to stimulate our "ego" self selfishness, our competitive instincts to get the best of the deal from others not so clever. Or we can endeavor to build up ideals of co-operation giving the weaker brother a fair deal.

If instead of competing or fighting against one another, would it not be well if capitalists, laborers, farmers and all of us would work together as partners for progress in Canada?

We must co-operate or perish says 88-year-old philosopher Bertrand Russell. Is it to be "Operation Freedom" to fight or to co-operate? Freedom to serve of freedom to exploit?

We can never hope to be perfectly free to do wrong. If we are prepared to do right, we can have "Operation Freedom."

I. V. MACKLIN
(In the Grande Prairie
Herald-Tribune)

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F.W.U.A. PRESIDENT REPORTS ON:

NO SUCCESS AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING;
INCREASING POPULATION NOT THE ANSWER;
REORGANIZATION OF OUR SET-UP TO BE DISCUSSED.

By Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite

Recently I was invited to speak to a regional meeting of the Chambers of Commerce on the Family Farm. I was to bring greetings from the F.U.A. and speak for three to five minutes. I presented our organization's policy and said I was pleased to hear that the Chambers of Commerce had an agricultural policy, but was rather surprised that it had not been made in co-operation with the F.U.A. I suggested that if they were sincere in their desire to maintain the Family Farm, that they set up a properly financed committee to work in close co-operation with the F.U.A., and see how our policies are made from the grass roots up and the need for these policies. This talk went over about as big as a snowball in a kettle of boiling water. The reports coming from the meeting never even mentioned the F.U.A.

Government Assistance Needed

However, when our minister of agriculture spoke, he painted a glowing picture of an expanding agriculture, where we would need to bring many more acres under cultivation, produce more and more livestock and other foods by 1980 to take care of an expanding population.

It seems to me that we jokers who have farmed for quite a number of years and have seen the ups and downs of agriculture, have also followed the progress of agriculture in other countries, and nowhere has an increased population solved agricultural problems. It has to have government assistance and help the same as other industries. The gold mines receive a subsidy, so much so that 6 out of 10 gold mines in Canada said they would have had to close down if it had not been for government help. Where is the efficiency here? Our manufacturing industries have had government help in the high tariffs they enjoy.

It's rather confusing to hear people say we need more population in Canada to eat more and more food we must produce. At the same time they will say that the United States has 140 missile launching sites not too far south of Canada's border from where an atomic bomb could be dropped any time in the heart of Moscow. What mockery and what inhumanity!

Working as a Team

This year I think our members must turn their attention and time to reviewing our organizational set up, and really come up with some definite conclusions. There was a Draft Constitution, for a reorganized Alberta Federation of Agriculture, presented in 1947. However nothing was done about it. But maybe now is the time to haul this out and

review it. I want to suggest to our women that they, too, must take an active part in this vital reorganization. A team pulling together is strong.

The F.W.U.A. presented our annual brief on February 2nd. We had good

discussions. However we are not happy with the government's reply on some of our resolutions. We believe women have a responsibility to serve on juries, as citizens, as women and as responsible members of the community. Anyway, Mr. Premier, we'll be back!

Our brief on health has been compiled. An item that caught my eye the other day was this. A drug store official in Toronto recently told the Ontario Legislature's Committee on Drug Costs that he retailed meprobamot, a tranquilizer drug, which cost \$2.60 a pound, for \$1,000.00 per pound, a profit of approximately 38,000 per cent.

A BIT OF LOGIC

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CHILD'S WELFARE FIRST CONSIDERATION

"Captive Residents"

by Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite

At the annual Convention of the F.W.U.A., held in Edmonton in December 1961, a resolution on "Adoption of Children Regulations" with the implementing clause as follows: "Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Provincial Government to have the law governing adoption of children amended so that children may be placed in otherwise suitable adoptive homes, regardless of religious faith of natural parents", was passed.

My own opinions on this subject are, that, for the most part these children are unwanted children. Therefore when the parents give up the child for adoption, they give up everything, the right to name, the right to love, the right to feed or clothe, the right to educate in both school and church, in effect they give up everything, including the child, and have no right to retain even a small part of that child's mind. Yet, this is exactly what they are doing when the child is assigned into any religion.

I think that our Department of Child Welfare should be neutral and the child

should have a clean slate to begin with. **Warm, Human Contact Needed**

However, science has been working quietly along these lines for many years and has come to the conclusion that if a child spends its first eighteen months in an institution, it will be an emotional cripple, scarred for life. Babies need the warm and human contact of a mother to develop emotionally.

Four of our provinces, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island, put every normal baby straight into the welcoming arms of a substitute mother and foster home, as soon as the child is given to the Welfare Department for adoption.

Sister Jeanne Mance, a trained social worker and superior of the Misericordia Creche, Quebec Province, says that in the two years some babies stay there, they have about 100 substitute mothers, about 15 changes of environment—different cribs, different rooms and so forth. She says there is absolutely no doubt in her mind that the institutions can never, never replace the home.

The children are referred to as captive residents and the damage has already been done.

It would seem to me that this question should not be decided on a religious

basis at all. I know of many couples both Protestant and Catholic who have applied for adoptions, they never got the children, and were never told why.

The welfare of the child should be the first consideration. The fact that it is sometimes possible to make up in later years for the harm inflicted in earliest infancy is no excuse for allowing the damage to be done in the first place. For if there is to be priority given to anyone in the pursuit of happiness, surely it should be to our children.

F.W.U.A. HI-LITES

Fairview FWUA donated \$50.00 to the Retarded Children's Home at Grande Prairie, \$10.00 to the Fairview Agricultural Society, \$5.00 to the Red Cross, and paid \$15.00 membership fee to the Fairview Film Council. A telephone whist drive was successful.

Projects going on in Stapledene FWUA are: selling of tickets for the Retarded Children's Fund and tickets on a blanket donated by Mr. Martin. A bake sale was a success.

Egremont FWUA volunteered to cater to a two-day short course held in the Egremont Hall.

ARE ALBERTA HOG PRODUCERS INTERESTED IN MARKETING OR DO THEY JUST TALK ABOUT IT?

Since hogs in Ontario have been sold through the "TELETYPE" method many hog producers have shown interest in this. In some instances it appears to be thought that if the method were used in Alberta that hog marketing problems would be solved.

However, before hogs can be sold, through "TELETYPE" or in any other way, they must first be made available for sale. In Ontario the Marketing Board first directs hogs to its various accumulation centres and then the hogs are sold.

In Alberta CO-OPERATIVE LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS accumulate hogs in much the same way as is done in Ontario. The major difference is that the ONTARIO producer MUST consign through the Board while in ALBERTA producers CAN and MAY consign to the public market and through Co-operative Associations.

Association accumulations of hogs ARE SOLD competitively and through the AUCTION method. No other country accumulations by other interests are sold competitively. If, in the opinion of the A.L.C. Board of Directors, more support could be obtained from producers through using the TELETYPE method, then no doubt this could be arranged. We would however use the DUTCH CLOCK to this end inasmuch as the mechanical operation is exactly the same.

First, however, Co-operative Associations must be assured of much better support than they receive currently. In addition hog producers should make earnest attempts to establish more accumulation centres in areas where Shipping Associations do not operate. A.L.C. personnel, facilities and financing are available to any group that is willing to put time and effort into the establishment of accumulation centres. The Co-operative way is the Self-Help way but it takes more than just talk to make it work.

Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited

Government Replies On Three Resolutions

By Mrs. Braithwaite

On three of the resolutions we have presented to the Provincial Government we have direct replies, respectively from the Hon. G. Taylor, Minister of Highways, and the Hon. A. O. Aalborg, Minister of Education. They concern the heating of school buses, the test for drivers' licenses and our request to set-up a credit system for vocational subjects at the Fairview Community College.

The reply of the Hon. G. Taylor reads: "With reference to resolution "Heaters In School Buses", may I reiterate that this Department has given this matter extensive study and we are unable to find a heater that we consider satisfactory. The Secretary of the Highway Traffic Board has appealed to the British Trade Commissioner to look into the matter, with the objective of drawing upon the European market but as yet no satisfactory heater has been located. The characteristics of such a heater would have to include the following:

- (a) it must be leak-proof;
- (b) it must be safe from explosion or flash fire;
- (c) it must not give off toxic fumes;
- (d) it must be capable of being used in such a way that it would not unduly deplete the oxygen supply inside the school bus;
- (e) it must be independent of the operation of the engine of the motor vehicle.

The ideal heater would be one that uses preferably dry fuel and possesses the characteristics noted above.

A charcoal heater is not considered satisfactory because, when used in closed quarters, there is a danger of carbon-monoxide at certain temperatures of combustion and of carbon-dioxide and oxygen depletion at other times.

In addition, we would hardly consider universal use of such heaters, as in probably 90% of the cases it would be a needless expense. If and when we find a suitable heater it could be made available to the Local Authorities for use in areas where it might be required.

(2) With reference to "Tests for Drivers' Licenses", may I advise that driver examinations are scheduled by appointment through the Motor Vehicle License Issuer in the testing centre by the examiner. The difficulty arises sometimes when appointments are made and then people appear at the counter; in such cases it is obvious that the

QUEEN CONTEST IN FULL SWING

The Queen contest for 1962 is under way. The locals in the districts with a contestant have received their tickets. There are 12 tickets in a book. Ten tickets can be sold and two kept free, or all 12 tickets can be sold and the seller can keep 50 cents.

Each ticket sells for 25 cents, and gives the contestant 25 votes. The deadline for sending tickets back to Central Office is May 25th. To qualify each candidate must have sold 20 books of tickets. In districts where more than one girl is competing, please mark on the tickets the name of the girl to which the votes are to be credited.

Contestants are:

District 2: Donna Helen Saliwonchuk, Reno;
Emma Miller, Box 54, Hines Creek;
Fern Webb, Brownvale.

District 5: Kathleen Schleckner, Box 398, Stony Plain;
Virginia Dawne Ogden, Beach Corner, P.O.;

District 6: Sylvia I. Krebs, Box 215, Bruderheim

District 8: Irene Blatz, Daysland;
Mavis Danielson, Sedgewick.

District 9: Patty Bonnett, R.R. 2, Ponoka.

District 10: Ann Lester, R.R. 5, Calgary;
Marilyn Loosmore, Box 246, Three Hills.

District 12: Carol S. King, Arrowood.

District 14: Pheona Kuehn, Box 9, Warner.

Let each local and district loyally support their contestants. We suggest that wherever possible locals plan to entertain the candidate for Queen at some social gathering, introduce her to the members so that they will become interested in the campaign.

FARM YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEK IS FROM JUNE 12 - 21.

person who made the appointment must be served first. You may rest assured that we are endeavoring to serve the public efficiently and with a minimum of inconvenience.

(Signed) Gordon E. Taylor
Minister of Highways

Fairview College

The Hon. A. O. Aalborg sent us the following reply on our request for a Credit System to be set-up for vocational subjects at Fairview Community College.

"This resolution was referred to officials of the Department and I have now received the following comments from Mr. O. Massing, our High School Curriculum Assistant, in connection with this matter:

"I have discussed this matter with the Examinations Branch and with Mr. Hawker of the Department of Agriculture and would comment as follows:

1. Mr. Hawker assures me that with one exception the vocational courses offered at Fairview are the same as those offered at the original agricultural schools in the Province.
2. There is presently in effect an ar-

angement whereby credits are given for vocational courses taken at the Agricultural Schools.

3. In order to receive high school credits students must meet high school entrance requirements. While this is generally true of students entering agricultural school, I am advised that adult students are exempted from this requirement.

4. In view of the fact that courses for vocational high schools are now being organized, it would appear that any re-arrangement of credits for vocational courses should await further developments in this area.

"Mr. Hawker assures me that he feels that the present arrangement for credits towards high school diploma in agricultural school is adequate and he does not feel that there is any need for revision at this time. I would therefore recommend that any action in regard to this matter be held in abeyance until there is a need for a new arrangement."

I trust that this arrangement may be of some use and interest to your members.

(Signed) Anders O. Aalborg

Schools of Agriculture

by Mrs. Russell Johnston
Education Committee

Farm people in Alberta have seen very rapid changes from pioneer days when the individual had considerable freedom and the family was very nearly a self-sustained unit, to the present time when the individual is part of a very complex society of large organizations and diverse individual and group interests with the family members very much independent of one another. Education to achieve its objective must predict future changes and prepare the coming generation to cope with its environment in adult life. The development of larger farms and farm mechanization has increased production but it has also decreased the number of farmers. The future tendency will be for still fewer people to be directly engaged in agriculture. About 80% of the farm young people will earn their living away from the farm.

The F.W.U.A. has asked for educational opportunities for rural children as nearly as possible equal to that of urban children. Provincial Government assistance in the building of schools, the improvement of school bus services, and a more adequate supply of qualified teachers has improved the opportunities to obtain the academic and diploma courses and in some instances the commercial courses in the rural areas. The federal government grants for 75% of the capital construction costs of technical and vocational schools provided until 1963, 75% of the cost of retraining the unemployed, and 50% of the costs of various other types of technical and vocational training provided until 1967, has encouraged the building of a number of vocational schools which will serve both the urban and the rural areas of Alberta. These new developments should broaden educational opportunities for the 80% of rural young people who will leave the farm.

Adequate Training

People in the farm organizations believe that the farm young people who are to remain on the farms should have adequate technical and vocational training in agriculture. They should also have an adequate academic education to develop good citizens, aware of what is going on in the world, prepared to take responsibility, able to determine values and to make wise decisions.

The Schools of Agriculture established in 1913, met the needs of the pioneer society and made a very significant contribution to the shaping of rural Alberta by their impact on farm-

ing, community development and local government. They provided agricultural students of high calibre for the university, and educational opportunities that many rural young people would not have had otherwise. The schools of agriculture should be modified to meet the educational needs created by the rapidly changing farm conditions. Many rural young people may now attend high school while living at home or will soon have the opportunity to attend one of the vocational high schools now being built. For those who wish to farm the schools of agriculture should provide a high school diploma course containing academic subjects equivalent to those of the vocational high schools and a vocational agricultural content at a level of achievement equal to that of the vocational high schools.

Integration Needed

At one time graduates of the schools of agriculture could go directly into the faculty of agriculture but today they are not accepted because they have not enough academic credits. One of the difficulties is that the schools of agriculture are under the department of agriculture and are not co-ordinated with the high schools and the university. It is essential that the department of agriculture and the department of education co-operate to integrate the schools of agriculture into the educational system.

The F.U.A. brief to the Cameron Commission on Education suggests that the schools of agriculture be given a status equivalent to the junior colleges, integrating them into the high schools and into the university with credits, earned in the schools of agriculture, to be given recognition by both the high school and the university. The F.U.A. brief suggests the following groups of courses:

1. Academic high school subjects that would enable students to obtain junior and senior matriculation.

2. Courses in vocational agriculture for students wishing to make farming a life work. Great emphasis should be placed on farm management, marketing and accounting with junior matriculation a prerequisite. If the student has senior matriculation some of the courses given might be recognized as credits toward a university degree course in agriculture.

3. A series of courses to prepare students for special jobs, e.g. farm managers, herdsman, seed and feed mill operators, food processors, grain elevator operators, etc. with students to receive a suitable diploma.

4. The first year degree course in agriculture.

Farmers' Union and Health Insurance

Farm people have the same duty of protecting themselves against illness, accidents and health hazards as other members of our society. Usually this protection takes the form of a membership in one of the several insurance plans available through private companies. Group rates in these plans are more attractive than the rates for individuals. However, farmers who live in relative isolation compared to city people, have difficulties in getting group rates.

M.S.I. has set up a plan under which group rates are available to members of F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. locals and a number of them have already taken advantage of this plan.

The policy of the F.W.U.A. regarding National Health is clearly stated in our Program Handbook. Until such times as a comprehensive government sponsored health plan is established, however, farm people must protect themselves as best they can. Before taking out membership in any health plan, we urge our members to get in touch with Head Office. There are organizations soliciting support whose services have proven to be not too satisfactory.

5. A series of courses designated to train men for positions normally filled by university graduates in agriculture, e.g. inspectors and graders in government service.

6. A series of courses for young women: (a) Home making (cooking, sewing, home nursing etc.) (b) Courses designed for special job training. These might include commercial courses, training as cooks, waitresses, hostesses, clothing design and manufacture, certain aspects of food processing, and technicians for agricultural research institutions.

7. Short courses for adults in the technical aspects of farming.

I recommend to the locals a study of the suggestions in the F.U.A. brief presented to the Cameron Commission dealing with "Vocational Training in Agriculture" and also a study of the sections of the Cameron Commissions Report dealing with agriculture and with community colleges.

Please have your local complete the questionnaire regarding the future role of our schools of agriculture and send it to me at Helmsdale, or through central office, to enable me to assess the opinion of the F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. I would also appreciate opinions and suggestions from individuals.

WHAT GOES ON IN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

For many years, farm dissatisfaction with livestock marketing and processing has been evident across Canada. This has resulted in sporadic attempts to set up co-operative packing plants (most of which never got beyond the preliminary planning stage), complaints to the government about manipulated prices and other practices which depressed the markets, demands for subsidies and floor prices, and many other suggestions which served only to show that livestock producers were unhappy about what was happening in the livestock and meat industry.

Recently the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission investigated the packing house industry in Canada. Their report indicates that there has been reason for the livestock growers suspicions. This is the third and final issue in which The Organized Farmer reprints, without further comment, excerpts from this report.

It was stated in the Company's statement of position that Canada Packers never interrupts its stream of livestock purchases for as long as a day. Dr. G. F. Clark said in evidence that the statement should be qualified to the extent that on rare occasions Canada Packers might not have bought hogs on the Montreal and Calgary markets.

"In addition to attempting to influence the level of prices of livestock Canada Packers might seek to influence actions of competitors by affecting their returns from the sale of meat. This is indicated in a letter of March 25, 1955, to Mr. N. J. McLean from Mr. G. H. Dickson, Assistant General Provision Manager, in regard to the situation in Montreal:

"... You might wish to follow up on the progress that has been made in controlling some of the small operators who have constantly established unsound hog markets. For some reason or other, there seems to have been an improvement in the situation in the last month and perhaps this reflects progress already made. Control of these people will become more important as we get into the lighter summer hog deliveries.

"In the final analysis we are all pretty well agreed that the way to control these people is by doing an effective selling job. We realize this is not easy, nor will it be done overnight. However, the last time I was in Montreal they were determined to establish where these people were selling their product, and to take such action that guaranteed they were not getting profitable prices..."

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"The fact that Canada Packers has plants throughout Canada enables the Company to co-ordinate its operations so as to exert its influence in a desired way in any particular market. This aspect of the company's position is illustrated in the following documents:

"June 12, 1956—Mr. N. J. McLean to Mr. W. R. Parliament, Winnipeg Plant Manager:

"... With the break in the market yesterday and today, the chances are that Ontario deliveries will be light next Monday. To meet this we are anxious to have—300 or 400 western cattle in here Monday morning so that we can lay off the Toronto market, if commission firms are trying to get higher prices...."

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"The Montreal market is another deficiency area in which there are small packers engaged in serving the local market and thus active competitors for supplies of livestock, particularly hogs. In this case the demands of buyers become evident on the local market rather than in a distant market as in the case of Vancouver. On January 22, 1953, Mr. N. J. McLean sent the following message to Mr. P. C. Kelly at the Company's Montreal plant:

"You keep insisting that the only thing that will break the Montreal market is the actual arrival of more hogs. Therefore think you should seriously consider buying the two cars of dressed hogs from the Brandon and Moose Jaw shipment today, even though they may not look particularly cheap when they arrive. Urgent you do everything possible to get your market down Monday to 23 cents, and a small loss on two cars of dressed hogs is not much to pay for this. Don't feel you can count on any large number live hogs being shipped from Ontario tomorrow and Saturday. Wire fully."

"The reply which Mr. Kelly sent to Mr. McLean on the same day contained the following:

"... There is no doubt in our mind that this market is broken and that at the extreme hogs will sell at 26.00 on Monday—view these circumstances we feel it unnecessary that other plants ship us dressed hogs—hogs offered at 30.75 dressed are dear in comparison with what they now can buy at from Ontario—have hopes break market to 26 this morning will teletype you immediately after market opens."

"The situation was of somewhat the same nature when Mr. Kelly wrote to Mr. N. J. McLean on June 10, 1954:

"... We are bringing hogs in from both Winnipeg and Edmonton which will lose us considerable money if we succeed in dropping this market but we feel that we must have insurance to be sure that, even if we do not get down to 34 cents, that we will make a substantial reduction. So we are now in a position to have sufficient supplies to make us feel very optimistic about keeping the small fellows quiet, although we are going to be supplying them with hogs, which we do not like doing but feel very strongly that at the present time, it is the wise thing to do."

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"RECOMMENDATION"

"In the circumstances the Commission recommends that the possibility of seeking a court order under section 31 (2) of the present Combines Investigation Act be fully explored for the purpose of dissolving the mergers of Calgary Packers Limited and Wilsil Limited with Canada Packers. In the event that it is determined that such a remedy cannot be sought the Commission would recommend that the possibility of seeking a court order under section 31 (2) be fully explored for the purpose of prohibiting Canada Packers from making any further acquisitions which would lessen competition in the meat packing industry."

(Signed) C. R. Smith, member

(Signed) A. S. Whiteley, member

(Signed) Pierre Carignan, member

Lars Myggland Laid To Rest

Lars Anderson Myggland has been laid to rest at Wainwright. Though he spent a busy life as a farmer, he was at the same time able and willing to devote a large part of his time to community efforts and organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Myggland were responsible for organizing the Gerald Farm Forum in 1942. This forum instigated the formation of the Wainwright and District Savings & Credit Union of which Mr. Myggland was the first president. Now it is the largest rural credit union in Alberta.

Mr. Myggland also served in various offices on the board of the Wainwright and District Co-operative Association, the Feeders' Association, the Rural Electrification Association, the Alberta Wheat Pool and the Farmers' Union of Alberta. Locally he took a leading part in a number of activities. He was active in the Mason and the Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of different lodges.

F.W.U.A. HI-LITES

Though it was only a short meeting of Westlock FWUA—the snow started to drift badly—it was a good one. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lefevbre.

Stony Plain FWUA decided to donate \$25.00 to Gold Eye Lake Camp.

Three community meetings, a joint meeting of the FUA and the annual county meeting kept the members of the Warner FWUA quite busy.

At the meeting of the Red Deer FWUA suggestions were made for a restful camp period for rural women at Gold Eye Lake Camp.

The members of Readymede FWUA are helping Pincher Creek local to obtain a coffee urn. No money was sent, but quite a few coupons were mailed to that local.

The Marwayne youth profits from the activities of the FWUA. To the skating rink a donation of \$50.00 was given and each youth group received \$5.00. Twenty-eight garments for Lloydminster Hospital were sown and a 5-piece set of fiberglass tables was sent to the Senior Citizens' Home in Lloydminster.

Drumheller East FWUA will help again with the Career Canvas this year. A contribution of \$5.00 was made to the Drumheller District Musical Festival Association.

Shady Mark FWUA received a letter of thanks from the FWUA executive for the FWUA banner made by Bertha Galt and Audrey Braithwaite.

Mrs. B. Weber from Fairdonian Valley FWUA was appointed as representative of the local to the Flagstaff Lodge Auxiliary meetings.

Money of the FUA membership drive by Pine Hill FWUA was received. The FUA gave half of the money to the local.

The new executive of Dakota FWUA is: president, Mrs. Jack Hoar; sec.-treas., Mrs. Henry Stewart; directors: Mrs. Les Hoar, Mrs. W. Hemeyer, and Mrs. R. Ritter, all RR 4, Ponoka.

Sydenham-Gerald FWUA had a large attendance and very busy meeting. Donations were made to a recent fire victim in Hardisty and the Polio fund.

The Sunshine Convener of Imperial FWUA saw her funds grow by \$1.95 as it was decided to hand over the tea money to her.

A farewell party has been held for Mr. and Mrs. W. Eastman of Griffin Creek, who have been living in the district for over 40 years. It was decided to join the Consumers Association of Canada.

OPEN FORUM

Letters for publication from members and subscribers only in the Open Forum must be brief. Pen names may be used if desired, but name of the sender must accompany the letter. **A Board of Directors' ruling limits letters to 300 words** and those longer cannot be accepted. Readers are asked to observe this change. The F.U.A. does not necessarily endorse or accept any responsibility for opinions expressed under this heading.

Dear Sir:

I was just writing a report of our last F.U.A. meeting for our local newspaper, when I wondered whether you would like to have a report for The Organized Farmer. (We sure do.—Ed.)

Red Deer Lake FWUA has already quite a program for the months of April and May. The kitchen building fund of Red Deer Lake Hall got a real boost with the \$200 donation of the local

Ascot FWUA assisted with the Benefit raffle and dance. Proceeds were \$247.00.

A cash gift has been made by Antler Hill FWUA to a family whose house was destroyed by fire. Some canned foods were also donated for the same purpose. The membership expressed that the annual meeting of the FUA in 1963 should be held in Calgary.

A parcel will be collected, to be sent to the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, by Utopia FWUA. A memorial service for deceased members will be held in April. Donations of \$20.00 and \$15.00 were made to the Retarded Children's Association and the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley from Vermilion will show pictures and speak on their trip to Iraq, in the Edgerton school auditorium on April 13. The evening is arranged by the Pelican FWUA.

Ranfurly FWUA decided to become a member of the Canadian Consumers' Association. In a joint meeting with the FUA the members listened to Mr. Chomik, who spoke about "New Varieties of seed for this area."

Camrose FWUA is making a wool filled quilt. The draw of the raffle to be made at the district conference to be held during Easter week.

Bon Accord FWUA held a short meeting at the home of Mrs. Hazel Putnam. The remainder of the time was spent in visiting.

Some of the members thought a report of what goes on at the local meetings would prove interesting to others. (They are right.—Ed.)

Several of our members were having considerable trouble with beavers, flooding of hayfields and pastures. A resolution authorized our secretary to write to the Fish and Game Branch of the Provincial Government, and as a result of that letter Mr. Jim Stewart from Edmonton and the local game officer from Rocky Mountain House were present when our local met. They gave us all the information we desired and promised to co-operate in every way. These gentlemen also thought that these kind of problems had to be brought to the attention of the F.U.A. as the right organization to deal with them.

Yours truly,
Cyril Devereux

Dear Sir:

Last May the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture brought up a resolution that the Government should start manufacturing farm implements. Now the F.U.A. has expressed this view also. I planned to write a few lines to the Edmonton Journal, but an F.U.A. man told me to send these few lines to you. I told they would not print them (he said you would), so all you can do is refuse me space in Open Forum.

There are drastic changes in the implement business. Dealers are going broke everywhere. A mediocre implement company has been taken over by another company which already absorbed a manufacturer a year ago. Shareholders in a major company must decide whether to discontinue the manufacture of implements and concentrate on industrial equipment. Yes, the F.U.A. should go into this business! Fools walk in where angels fear to tread.

You hear complaints about the difficulty of getting repairs. How can a dealer stock repairs, when he gives the farmer \$1,000.00 for the trade-in and sells the trade-in for \$100.00 when he gets short of cash. I have seen farmers go 60 to 80 miles to trade-in machinery when they can't get service.

Seventy-five per cent of purchasers do not stop to check if adequate repair stock is carried but the purchase is made where the highest amount is offered for the trade-in. I know dealers who threw out an agency because their company could not supply parts.

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F.W.U.A. HILITES

At the December meeting of Pollockville FWUA were five visitors. A baby shower for Lore Christianson was held. An educational meeting on cancer has been planned.

West Wind FWUA became a member of the Canadian Association of Consumers. Tentative plans to hold the district convention in June in Pincher Creek were discussed.

Mr. Gould gave Three Hills FWUA information on a group M.S.I. plan. Seventeen members and four visitors were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Florence Sissons gave Eclipse FWUA a detailed report of the reaction of the provincial government on the brief, composed from the resolutions passed at the last annual convention.

The executive letter and article on National Health Insurance were read and discussed by the Gwynne FWUA.

Stony Plain FWUA is making plans for a whist drive. The proceeds will go to Gold Eye Lake camp.

Dr. Beamish from Brooks spoke about "Accidents in the Home" to a meeting of One Tree FWUA, which was attended by 13 members and 8 visitors.

Red Deer Lake FWUA discussed a motion for starting a fund to build a kitchen onto the hall.

The financial position of Imperial FWUA showed some improvement due to the bingo and whist drive.

Chinook FWUA had two visitors. Help will be given in the preparation of the District 12 convention on June 14.

The telephone whist drives from Graf-fin Creek FWUA were successful. Forty-four dollars was cleared on these.

Fleet FWUA met with 7 members present. Mr. Nelson's letter was very much appreciated.

Inland FWUA installed its new officers. President is Mrs. Mike (Elsie) Makniw; vice-president, Mrs. Andrew (Mary) Goshko; sec.-treas., Mrs. John (Helen) Hunchak. Directors are Mrs. P. Tropak, Mrs. T. Zuk, Mrs. M. Kle-maychko, and Mrs. R. Goshko. Sunshine conveners: Mrs. R. Tymohuk and Mrs. E. Langpap.

Several members of Fairview FWUA helped to get the exhibits for the 12th Annual Seed Fair on display. The fair was held Feb. 24.

Two members of Arrowwood FWUA gave an interesting demonstration on how to make corduroy cushions. Twenty-five members and five visitors were present.

Horn Hill FWUA has been studying the idea of a restful camp for farm women at Gold Eye Lake camp. Some ladies preferred the stimulus of Farm Women's Week at Olds.

Mrs. W. Ross gave Dillarde FWUA a report on social welfare, explaining the areas covered by the different Acts.

In memory of Chestermore FWUA's past secretary Mrs. Bernard, one minute silence was observed.

Suony Hills FWUA decided to purchase two dozen diapers, to be sent to the Unitarian Serv. Com. of Canada.

Heath FWUA received fifth prize for its scrap book. A February dance was quite successful.

Edmonton FWUA was quite alarmed by what has happened in Ontario in the field of the sale of meat. The local expressed wishes for a more rigid inspection.

Blindman FWUA feels a great need for a veterinarian and agricultural college in this province, equal to or better than the one at Guelph, Ontario.

Jubilee FWUA is considering a group insurance plan with M.S.I. The members will be visited about this type of insurance.

Six mental patients will receive a birthday, Easter and Christmas gifts from Anthony Hill FWUA.

Shady Nook FWUA received \$50.00 for catering at the opening of the Wheat Pool elevator.

Red Deer FWUA presented Mr. and Mrs. Chmnyk with a gift on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Drumheller East FWUA again sent a package of good warm clothes to the Unitarian Service.

Bonanza FWUA elected Mrs. Pelma Radke as president. Mrs. Gerta Kut and Mrs. M. E. Cook were re-elected resp. as vice-president and secretary. \$10 was donated to the Gold Eye Lake cabin fund. Flowers were sent to Vera Dick in the hospital on a motion made by Mrs. Humphrey and seconded by Mrs. Johnston.

Grand Meadow FWUA has held a Christmas party for 60 patients at a mental hospital. There were gifts for the patients and a lunch was served.

Birch Hills FWUA made a donation to the Gold Eye Lake cabin fund.

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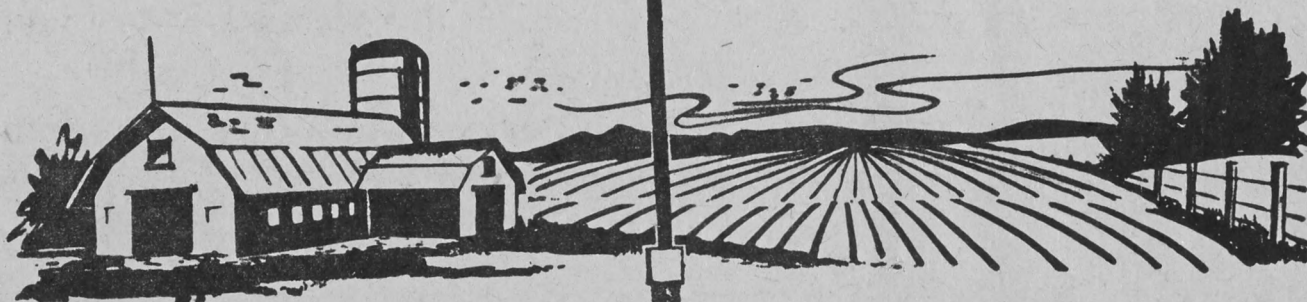
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